

**TOWN OF ROCKPORT  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2013  
Rockport High School**

MODERATOR: It is after 9:00AM on April 6<sup>th</sup> and so we shall begin. The Special Town Meeting came to order at 9:07AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Reverend Derek van Gulden from the First Congregation Church gave the invocation.

A poem by Ruth Maassen was composed and read:

Wishes for My Town

May the sunshine mildly on  
beach and quarry, cove and pond;  
boats come safely back to shore;  
guests keep coming back for more;

skinny kids jump in a quarry;  
old hands lean to row a dory;  
generous neighbors shovel snow;  
good things come and bad things go.

Little Leaguers learn to field;  
baffled drivers learn to yield;  
plucky children learn to sail;  
doughty folk commute by rail.

Curtis Street and Caleb's Lane  
get the right amount of rain.  
Pasture Road and Evans Way  
catch fresh breezes off the bay.

Flawless days to Pebble Beach.  
All our preachers sagely preach.  
Pageants go without a hitch;  
choir members sing on pitch.

Flowerbed and window box,  
climbing roses, purple phlox,  
painted gate and curving arbor  
frame our vista of the harbor.

Bradley Wharf to Granite Pier,  
keep beloved children near.  
Banner years to inn and shop,  
restaurant and Whistle Stop.

Parker's Pit to Pigeon Hill,  
dwellers with contentment fill.  
L.E. Smith to John Tarr Shore,  
peace upon our rocky shore.

The Town Clerk read: We remember those who have passed away in 2012:

Ann M. Ouellette  
Cynthia Peckham  
Dwight MacCormack Jr.  
Josh Brackett  
Martta Blanchet  
Mary M. Drohan  
Neal A. Jacobs  
Walter R. Franklin, Sr.

We are grateful for the years of faithful years of service to the Town of Rockport.

MODERATOR: We have a Resolution and it will be presented by Frances Fleming the outgoing Selectperson and I would personally like to thank you, Frances, for serving your Town these last several years, we appreciate your service. (applause)

Roger Lesch could you come forward. Frances Fleming read the following Resolution of Appreciation:

**Resolution of Appreciation  
for  
Roger G. Lesch**

WHEREAS: Roger G. Lesch grew up on Bearskin Neck and he:

WHEREAS: served in the United States Navy and currently co-chairs the Rockport Navy Committee and chaired the committee in 2007 when the Town hosted the USS Boone, which was the first U.S. Navy warship to anchor in Sandy Bay in over 50 years, and

WHEREAS: began his service to the Town of Rockport as a Seasonal Police Officer in 1976, as a Reserve Officer in 1977 and as a Full Time Officer in 1978, and retired in October, 2012 and,

WHEREAS: was a past chairman and a present member of the Rockport Council on Aging for 16 years and continues his membership on the council in his retirement, and

WHEREAS: worked with the Council on Aging to bring many safety and self-defense programs to Rockport seniors, Developing Elders' Choices in Defensive Education Program, and

WHEREAS: currently serves as the Representative of the Town of Rockport to the Board of Directors of Action, Inc. and as an Executive Board member of the American Legion Post 98, and

WHEREAS: has counseled seniors and their families for 32 years as a patrol officer and he continues to serve as Rockport's first appointed Special Officer for Elder Affairs, and

WHEREAS: has implemented support and referral programs for Rockport Senior Citizens and other people at risk as the Elder Affairs Officer, and

WHEREAS: has received numerous awards for his work with the elderly including the Safe Return Award from the Alzheimer's Association, the Rosemary Kerry Community Award from SeniorCare, Inc., the Paul Harris Fellow Award from the Rockport Rotary Club, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Proclamation for Dedication & Service to Rockport Seniors, the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, the Police Officer of the Year for 2009 and a Proclamation of Appreciation from the Town of Rockport for Service to Senior Citizens in 2011, and

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Rockport, Massachusetts, on this 2nd day of April, 2013, do hereby adopt this Resolution of Appreciation in honor of Roger G. Lesch on behalf of the citizens of Rockport for his outstanding service to the Town, and that a copy of this Resolution be kept as a part of our permanent government records.



  
Erin M. Battistelli, Chair

  
Paul F. Murphy, Vice-Chair

  
Frances Fleming, Member

  
Sarah J. Wilkinson, Member

  
Wilhelmina Sheedy Moores, Member

Thank you so much Roger. Applause ensued.

ROGER LESCH: Thank you very much. I used to think when other people get these Resolutions that they were really the swan song, you know the end of the trail for working in Rockport, for doing anything in Rockport and I started to research other people's Resolutions and I found that many of them still continued to serve Rockport and I think that says a lot for Rockport. Thank you very much.

Applause

MODERATOR: There are many Boards and Committees in this town that make this meeting run smoothly and make indeed the Town run smoothly and we have three primary Boards and Committees that are involved with this meeting today.

The Moderator introduced the Board of Selectmen: Erin Battistelli, Paul Murphy, Sarah Wilkinson, Wilhelmina Sheedy Moores, Frances Fleming. Also introduced was the Assistant to the Town Administrator Mitch Vieira. Then the Finance Committee: Michael Hughes, Wally Hess, Frank Hassler, Laurene Wessel, Mike Lamoureux, June Michaels and Bill Wagner. The Government and Bylaw Committee, Peter Goodwin is the Co-Chair, Elizabeth Fisher is the other Co-Chair; Judith Bly, Kathleen Skrabut, and Robert Sonia.

The Moderator went on to explain about town meeting participation and the booklet. I would like to thank many people for putting this together but it was mostly championed by our Town Administrator Linda Sanders and her office.

There’s a lot in this booklet and we’d like your feedback. Let us know what you like about it and what you don’t like about it. The Moderator explains the summaries that are included in the booklet.

The Special Town Meeting will be followed immediately by the Annual Town Meeting. The Visitor’s Section was acknowledged. The orange placards were introduced for voting.

MODERATOR: I make a motion to omit the reading of the Articles in the Warrant. Moved and seconded. The motion passed by voice vote.

Town Clerk Patricia Brown read the Officer’s Return.

The Moderator introduced Town Counsel Darren Klein. The meeting is conducted in accordance with parliamentary procedure. The Moderator gives further explanations. “I want all people who want to participate here to participate. It is your meeting.”

MODERATOR: I have determined that the following motions are related. In the Special Town Meeting A through G. In the Annual Town Meeting

The Chair will entertain a motion under Article A.

ARTICLE A. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds sums of money to be expended by various Town Departments to balance the FY13 budget; or act on anything relative thereto.

LINDA SANDERS for Frank Hassler of the Finance Committee: I move that the Town appropriate and transfer from the appropriations under Article 5 of the warrant for the April 9, 2012 Annual Town Meeting as well as two prior Capital Account appropriations such sums of money as are set forth on page 21 of the 2013 Voter’s Booklet (below) to be added to the respective appropriations, as specified:

Amount	Transfer From	Articles 5 Item Account #	Transfer To	Articles 5 Item Account #
\$ 5,300	Legal Fees	01-151-0177-05316	Granite Pier Other Charges	01-635-0110-05700
\$ 1,000	Election Expenses	01-164-0110-05126	Election Officer Wages	01-164-0022-05194
\$ 9,000	Youth Center Operations	01-122-0233-05786	Town Administrator Salary	01-122-0020-05112
\$ 2,000	Legal Fees	01-151-0177-05316	Police Chief Salary	01-210-0020-05112
\$ 1,100	Youth Center Operations	01-122-0233-05786	Assessors Book Binding Expenses	01-141-0110-05312
\$ 3,400	Legal Fees	01-151-0177-05316	Executive Assistant	01-122-0040-05115
\$ 4,976	Non-Contributory Retirement	01-912-0090-05175	Executive Assistant	01-122-0040-05115

\$ 3,748	Fire Inspector Wages	01-220-0063-05194	Firefighter Stipends	01-220-0027-05194
\$ 4,596	Non-Contributory Retirement	01-912-0090-05175	Firefighter Stipends	01-220-0027-05194
\$ 3,910	Purchase of Services	01-135-0148-05200	Firefighter Stipends	01-220-0027-05194
\$ 3,514	Purchase of Services	01-135-0110-05200	Firefighter Stipends	01-220-0027-05194
\$ 19,858	Sick Leave Buyback	01-917-0095-05179	EMT Wages	01-231-0026-05122
\$ 12	Youth Center Operations	01-122-0233-05786	Inspector Clerk Clothing Allowance	01-241-0061-05191
\$58,136.90	Prop Reval FY11	01-141-2234-05786-11	Group Health Insurance	01-914-0096-05172
\$71,785.59	Prop Reval FY12	01-141-0348-05786	Group Health Insurance	01-914-0096-05172

Moved and seconded.

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee both support this Article.

MODERATOR: Any discussions? Questions, comments? All those in favor say aye.  
Opposed say no.

The motion carries.

The Chair will entertain a motion under Article B.

ARTICLE B. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from the Temporary Debt Principal account the sum of \$100,000 to the Financial Management System capital account toward the purchase of a financial management system; or act on anything relative thereto.

LINDA SANDERS for Wally Hess, Vice Chairman of the Finance Committee: I move that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$100,000 from the Temporary Debt Principal account to the Financial Management System capital account for the purposes of Article B as printed in the warrant.

Moved and seconded.

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee both support this Article.

MODERATOR: Questions? Comments? Had a chance to review it? All those in favor say aye.  
Opposed say no.

The motion carries.

The Chair will entertain a motion under Article C.

ARTICLE C. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from the Water Treatment Emergency Generator account appropriated at the April 2, 2011 Annual Town Meeting the sum of \$13,792.93 to the Water Treatment Plant Capital Improvements Master account for general improvements to the Water Treatment Plant; or act on anything relative thereto.

LINDA SANDERS for Jim Gardner, Chairman for the Board of DPW Commissioners: I move that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$13,792.93 from the Water Treatment Emergency Generator account as appropriated at the April 2, 2011 Annual Town Meeting to the Water Treatment Plant Capital Improvements Master account for the purposes of Article C as printed in the warrant.

Moved and seconded.

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee both support this Article.

MODERATOR: All those in favor say aye. Opposed say no.

The motion carries.

The Chair will entertain a motion under Article D.

ARTICLE D. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from the Community Preservation Fund Undesignated account the sum of \$10,000 to the Community Preservation Fund Community Housing Reserve Account; or act on anything relative thereto.

LINDA SANDERS for Mary Francis, Chairperson of the Community Preservation Committee: I move that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$10,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Undesignated account to the Community Preservation Fund Community Housing Reserve account.

Moved and seconded.

The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both support this Article.

MODERATOR: All those in favor say aye. Opposed say no.

The motion carries.

The Chair will entertain a motion under Article E.

ARTICLE E. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Snow and Ice Removal accounts to cover the snow and ice removal deficit; or act on anything relative thereto.

LINDA SANDERS for Jim Gardner, Chairman of the Board of DPW Commissioners: I move that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$16,556 from Free Cash to the Snow and Ice Removal Overtime account for the purposes of Article E as printed in the warrant.

Moved and seconded.

The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both support this Article.

MODERATOR: All those in favor say aye. Opposed no.

The motion carries.

The Chair will entertain a motion under Article F.

ARTICLE F. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$10,300 to the DPW software account, and transfer from available funds the sum of \$12,000 to the Water Enterprise software account and the sum of \$12,000 to the Sewer Enterprise software account to pay for DPW Asset Management Software; or act on anything relative thereto.

LINDA SANDERS for Jim Gardner, Chairman of the Board of DPW Commissioners - I move that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$10,300 from Free Cash to the DPW software account; the sum of \$12,000 from the Water Enterprise Reserve account to the Water Enterprise software account; and the sum of \$12,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Reserve account to the Sewer Enterprise software account for the purposes of Article F as printed in the warrant.

Moved and seconded.

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee both support this Article.

MODERATOR: All those in favor say aye. Opposed say no.

The motion carries.

The Chair will entertain a motion under Article G.

ARTICLE G. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$25,000 to the Long Beach Sidewalk account to make emergency repairs to the Long Beach sidewalks; or act on anything relative thereto.

LINDA SANDERS for Jim Gardner, Chairman of the Board of DPW Commissioners: I move that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$25,000 from Free Cash to the Long Beach Sidewalk account for the purposes of Article G as printed in the warrant.

Moved and seconded.

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee both support this Article.

MODERATOR: You've heard the motion. All those in favor say aye. Opposed say no.

The motion carries.

A motion was made to dissolve the Special Town Meeting. It was moved and seconded and carried by voice vote.

The meeting dissolved at 9:37AM.